

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2881 - HB 3106**

February 21, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302 to use “some other comparable measure of student growth, if no such TVAAS data is available” for 35 percent of the evaluation criteria required to be student achievement data. Authorizes each local education agency to develop guidelines for the annual evaluation of teachers of non-academic subjects. Defines “non-academic subject” as one in which student growth is not measured by TVAAS data, including but not limited to, physical education, music, art, foreign languages, and special education.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Other Fiscal Impact – The Race to the Top grant money was received, partially on the basis of Tennessee’s new teacher evaluation model, which was included on the application to the federal government. According to the Department of Education and the Comptroller, the state may lose a portion or all of the Race to the Top funding. The full grant amount is \$501,000,000. The federal government may require the state to repay funding that has already been drawn down, resulting in an increase in state expenditures that will exceed \$1,000,000. Any increase will be dependent upon the response of the federal government.**

**Assumptions:**

- LEAs may permissively increase expenditures to develop and implement guidelines for the evaluation of teachers who teach non-academic subjects.
- Development and implementation of the new evaluation models will take place within each LEA within the normal course regular meetings without an increase in personnel or a significant increase in local expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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